

The County Boards of Welfare shall:

(a) Report to the State Board at such times and in such manner and form as the State Board may from time to time direct: Reports to State Board.

(b) Submit to the State Board the information required in this Act preliminary to determination of the county's quota of funds and the determination of the amount required to be raised by taxation, together with its estimate and supporting data, setting forth the amount of money needed to carry out the provisions of this Act; also submit to the board of county commissioners a duplicate of the estimate and supporting data furnished by it to the State Board. Make and report to the State Board and to the county board of commissioners such investigation as may be required in order that said State Board and boards of county commissioners may be fully informed as to the assistance required by aged persons coming within the eligibility provisions of this Act, and may have such other information as may be required for proper determination upon any matter coming before the said boards: Information. Investigation.

(c) Perform any other duties required of them under this Act or by proper rules and regulations made by the State Board under authority thereof. Other duties.

SEC. 15. *Application for Assistance; Determination Therein.* Applications for assistance under this Act shall be made to the County Welfare Board of the county in which the applicant resides. Such application shall be in writing and in duplicate, in compliance with the rules and regulations established by the State Board, which is required to furnish forms for such applications, and shall be verified by the oath of the applicant. Where the applicant is unable to present his application in writing by reason of illiteracy or other cause, the application shall be reduced to writing and filed in duplicate, on such forms as may be supplied by the State Board, or substantially in agreement therewith. The County Board of Welfare, and the County Welfare Officer, shall render to applicants for assistance under this Act such aid and assistance in the preparation of applications as may be necessary. The application shall contain a statement of the amount of property, both real and personal, in which the applicant has an interest, and of all income which he may have at the time of filing the application, and shall contain such other information as may be required by the rules and regulations of the State Board. One copy of the application shall be forwarded to the State Board. Applications for assistance. Form of application. Assistance in preparation of applications. Contents.

Whenever a County Board of Welfare receives an application for assistance under this Act, an investigation and record shall promptly be made of the circumstances of the applicant, in order to ascertain the facts supporting the application, and in order to obtain such other information as may be required by the rules of the State Board. In the making of such investigation, the Investigation by County Board.